

Date

Marvin Allemand  
Constable, Lafourche Parish  
224 Central Lafourche Dr.  
Raceland, LA 70394

**Re: Ethics Board Docket No. 2016-661**

Dear Mr. Allemand:

The Louisiana Board of Ethics, at its August 19, 2016 meeting, considered your request for an advisory opinion regarding whether you, as an elected Lafourche Parish Constable, may do business with Lafourche Parish through your company, Allemand's Culverts, LLC. You stated that you are the Constable for District 3, Wards 4, 8, and 9, in Lafourche Parish.

The Board concluded, and instructed me to inform you, that the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit you or your company from doing business with Lafourche Parish, provided the work is not for the Constable's Office. La. R.S. 42:1113 prohibits a public servant, a member of his immediate family, or a legal entity of which he has a controlling interest from bidding on or entering into any contract, subcontract, or other transaction that is under the supervision or jurisdiction of his agency. La. R.S. 42:1102(a) "agency" means a department, office, division, agency, commission, board, committee, or other organizational unit of a governmental entity. Since you are an elected Constable in Lafourche Parish, it would not present a violation of the Code if you or Allemand's Culverts, LLC, does business with Lafourche Parish, provided the work is not for your office.

This advisory opinion is based solely on the facts as set forth herein. Changes to the facts as presented may result in a different application of the provisions of the Code of Governmental Ethics. The Board issues no opinion as to past conduct or as to laws other than the Code of Governmental Ethics. If you have any questions, please contact me at (800) 842-6630 or (225) 219-5600.

Sincerely,

**LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS**

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Vivian Haley Williams  
For the Board